

## *Committee Meetings*

### **WORKPLACE LEAVE POLICIES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKING FAMILIES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Workplace Leave Policies: Opportunities and Challenges for Employers and Working Families”. Testimony was heard from Hans Riemer, President, Montgomery County Council, Maryland; and public witnesses.

### **BUSINESS MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a business meeting on subcommittee membership; and a markup on H.R. 453, the “Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 350, the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”; H.R. 1119, the “SENSE Act”; H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil; H.R. 1917, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017”; H.R. 2872, the “Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act”; and H.R. 2880, the “Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act”. The committee resolution on subcommittee membership passed, without amendment. H.R. 453, H.R. 350, H.R. 1733, and H.R. 1917 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2872, H.R. 2880, and H.R. 1119 were ordered reported, as amended.

### **SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSING FINANCE REFORM, PART IV**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform, Part IV”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS TO COMBAT EXTREMISM**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Advancing Human Rights to Combat Extremism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **BREXIT: A NEGOTIATION UPDATE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing

entitled “Brexit: A Negotiation Update”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **U.S. POLICY TOWARDS TIBET: ACCESS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Tibet: Access, Religious Freedom, and Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4465, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Representative Curtis; Henry Maddux, Director, Recovery Programs, Utah Department of Natural Resources; Andrew Colosimo, Government and Corporate Affairs Manager, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado; and a public witness.

### **SMALL BUSINESS MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, SALES, AND BROKERAGE SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2017; COMMUNITY INSTITUTION MORTGAGE RELIEF ACT OF 2017; FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; and H.J. Res. 123, the “Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule for H.R. 477. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–43 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section

2, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3971 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–44 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 123 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representative Maxine Waters of California.

#### FROM LAB TO MARKET: A REVIEW OF NSF INNOVATION CORPS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “From Lab to Market: A Review of NSF Innovation Corps”. Testimony was heard from Dawn Tilbury, Assistant Director, Directorate for Engineering, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

#### NASA’S NEXT FOUR LARGE TELESCOPES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “NASA’s Next Four Large Telescopes”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense acquisition reform efforts, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on progress and the path forward for medical innovation, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “The Mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Office of Financial Research”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Counterterrorism Efforts in Africa”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications,